GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3731
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2001
COMPENSATION FROM UNCC
A.P. ABDULLAKUTTY;T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received various requests from State Governments individualsregarding extension of time for applying for compensation from UNCC;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

a) & b) The Government have received a request from the Government of Kerala regarding extension of time for applying for compensation from UNCC. Individuals who have failed to apply forcompensation also write to us requesting that their claims be accepted.

c) The Government of India has from time to time taken up this question and as a result of itspersistent efforts UNCC extended the last date for acceptance of forms from 1.3.93 to 1.1.94; from 1.1.94 to 1.1.95 and finally up to 1.1.96. The Government of India again took up the question with UNCC in 1996 that persons who had applied on Government of India forms but failed to reapply on UNCC forms should be allowed to submit their compensation applications and UNCCshould accept these claims as late claims. UNCC stated that acceptance of forms could not be an open-ended exercise; otherwise, UNCC could not examine and award compensation on the compensation applications submitted to it within the UNCC deadline. We would, however, still consider takingup the question of bona fide and genuine claims which could not be filed in time, after UNCCcompletes the processing of the entire lot of duly registered claims. This is likely to happen after June/July 2003.